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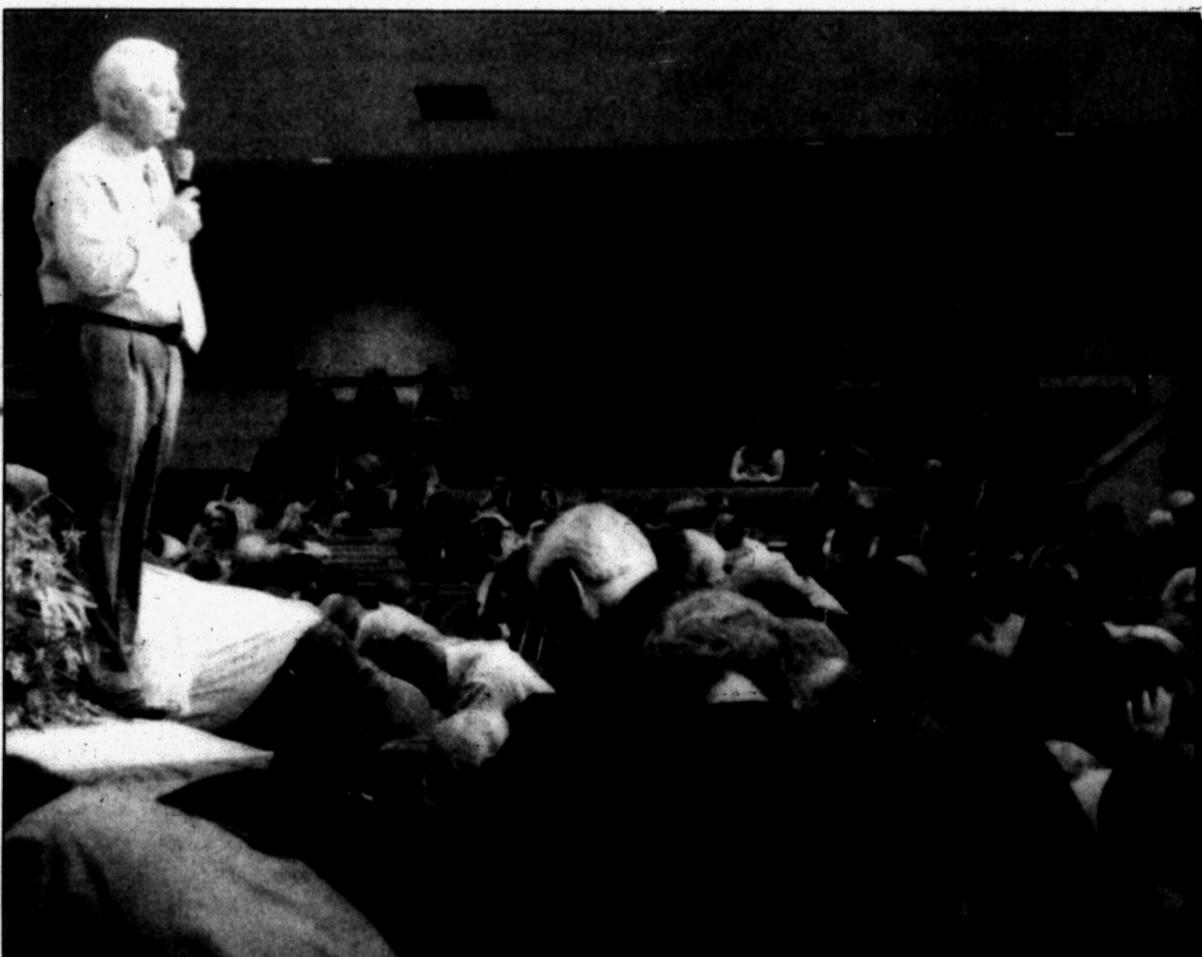
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AT THE ALTAR — Bobby Welch (with microphone), pastor of First Church, Daytona Beach, Fla., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, leads conferees in a time of commitment at the Mississippi State Evangelism Conference at Fairview Church, Columbus, Jan. 22-24. (Photo by Tony Martin)

Evangelism Conf. held in Columbus

By Tony Martin
Associate Editor

The 2006 Mississippi State Evangelism Conference, held January 22-24 at Fairview Church, Columbus, was notable not only for the traditional preaching and music, but the breakout conferences meeting specific needs of the conferees.

Mississippi pastors, staff, laypersons, and vocational evangelists converged on Columbus for the event, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB). The program was planned by several different departments within MBCB representing several different ministries, but all centered on the theme "Acts 1:8, The Final Command."

Golden Triangle Association, headquartered in Columbus, sponsored the Golden Triangle Regional Evangelism rally at 7 p.m. January 22 in conjunction with the Evangelism Conference. Evangelist Vern Charette of Fort Worth, Texas, brought the message that evening. A highlight of the evening was the Everyone Can Baptismal Celebration.

Monday morning offered dual tracks. The theme for the women's ministry program was "No One Can Fill Your Shoes... Walking Worthy of His Calling." The program began at 9 a.m. and featured keynote speaker Page Hughes, with music with Janet Rayford.

One component of the women's ministry track was Prayer Over Columbus. Two women from Fairview Church who were instrumental in coordinating the prayer effort were Angela Davis and Gwen Sisson.

The state senior adult rally ran concurrently with the women's conference. According to Glenn Shows, family ministry/adult consultant in the MBCB Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, there were 400 conferees representing 31 towns, 45 churches and 16 associations.

The Monday afternoon session began with a time of praise and worship led by R.L. and Beth Sigrest, and a call to prayer offered by Ken Lyle, MCBC consultant and former executive director of the New England Baptist Convention. The opening message was shared by Bill Britt, presi-

dent of Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists and president of Compel Outreach Ministries in Mansfield, Texas. Using Ephesians 4:11 as his text, Britt said, "America needs revival. We have come a long way from Ozzie and Harriet to Desperate Housewives."

Gene Douglas, evangelist and head of By Faith Ministries in McComb, followed Britt. Preaching from Isaiah 6, Douglas said, "The God that has done great and mighty things in our lives wants to do great and mighty things in the lives of a lost world."

"What do you want Longview Heights church to be about?" He said, "There comes a time when you have to give it all away if it gives God the glory."

Gray Allison, president emeritus of Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, brought a message on Gospel preaching. "If we're going to have gospel preaching, we have to preach the good news against the backdrop of the bad news," he said.

Bobby Welch, pastor of First Church, Daytona Beach, Fla., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, closed the evening with a rousing message from Luke

16 dealing with the rich man and Lazarus, climaxing with an emotional altar call.

One significant change from previous years were the conferences offered Tuesday morning, including Bible Study Outside the Walls, led by Neal Hughes, national missionary for multi-housing church planting at the North American Mission Board; Growing the Sunday School Through New Units, led by Wendell Frazier, minister of education at Petal-Harvey Church; Praying People into God's Kingdom, led by Meador; Calling Women to Share God's Heart, led by Page Huges; and Evangelistic Witnessing in the Marketplace, led by Scott Walters. Host pastor Mickey Dalrymple shared the closing message.

According to Kiely Young, director of the Sunday School department at MBCB, "We wanted to give people some 'how-to's, how to develop an evangelistic strategy through the Sunday School. We had the conference with Neal Hughes, which was Sunday School outside the box, outside the building — in his church in Montgomery, they had more Sunday School groups meeting outside the building than they did in the church. Then, with Wendell Frazier at Petal-Harvey, we see traditional Sunday School done well, with the consistent addition of new units. They work through the medium of the Sunday School. Even after Katrina, they're in multiple Sunday School and multiple worship services."

The Mississippi State Evangelism Conference is funded annually by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program.

The final message before dinner was offered by Charette. Structuring his message around the idea of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, Charette said, "If Jesus ministered through the Spirit of God, what better thing for us to do than follow in His footsteps? Should we not follow in the footsteps of God?"

In an innovation from past conferences, dinner was served at the church, and the keynote speaker at the evangelism dinner was Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer of the MBCB, who spoke on the idea of "modern Baptists."

After dinner, Slater Murphy and the choir and orchestra from Fairview led in worship. Wayne Marshall, pastor of Longview Heights Church, Southaven, shared a message on the value of church planting in evangelism. He told of how God brought him to the point of asking,



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Book of Daniel closed

On the heels of last week's editorial column on Hollywood's out-of-touch and dangerous agenda for America comes news of the cancellation of *The Book of Daniel*, a hideous and poorly-written depiction of a drug-addicted minister with an alcoholic wife and children whose behavior ranges from homosexuality to obsessive fornication to drug dealing.

NBC, known previously for promoting and defending the equally-offensive series *God, the Devil, and Bob*, several years ago, aired only three episodes of *Book of Daniel* before deciding to pull the plug on this loser. ABC was forced to do the same with *Nothing Sacred*, a strange little show about a decidedly unspiritual Catholic priest. When will they learn?

It didn't take a TV programming expert to predict what was going to happen to this dog. The plot revolved around Daniel Webster, an Episcopal priest who couldn't control his appetite for prescription pain killers (note the bottle of pills on the Bible in

the poster), one son who was a homosexual Republican, another son who spent all his time trying to seduce girls, and a daughter who has been arrested for selling marijuana to raise some spending money.

In addition, there were all kinds of subplots involving drug abuse, lesbianism, bisexuality, homosexual marriage, and the Mafia — and that was only in the three episodes that made it on the air. To top it all off, there's a really hip Jesus who appears from time to time to discuss life's ups and downs with the lead character.

The show was the brainchild of Jack Kenny, an avowed homosexual who

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describes himself in a Religion News Service article by Alan Sepinwall as being "in Catholic recovery." The *Book of Daniel*, he said, is based loosely on the Episcopal family of his homosexual partner of 23 years.

"Organized religion is, to me, almost the same organism as the Mafia," he said in the Sepinwall article. "It's got its internal politics; it's got rules that it follows, rules that it doesn't follow, who's allowed to do what to who. It's got skeletons in the closet and scandals and all those things. It skirts the law because it can. They do it legitimately, where the Mafia does it illegitimately."

This from a man who also said in the same article, "I never want to poke fun at religion or at Jesus."

Kenny and his twisted television show are but the latest in the sad collection of examples from the American entertainment industry of the utter spiritual vacuum and religious schizophrenia in which they produce programs watched by millions of Americans. The people in the great middle of America — socially, culturally, and religiously — don't like these programs and don't watch, which is why these blasphemous disgraces are almost always cancelled after extremely short runs.

The broadcast networks wring their hands over their accelerating decline in viewership. The major Hollywood movie studios closed 2005 by describing it as the worst box office in years. No one in the entertainment industry seems to know what to do. Well, here's a few hints from an outsider who lives in deep flyover country:

- Put together a great script without foul language, gratuitous sex, and immoral situations — a family movie, in other words, like *Toy Story*, *Finding Nemo*, and *Cheaper by the Dozen*. Hollywood's so-called "Golden Years" were replete with such scripts.

- Tell honest, uplifting stories with real heroes, like *Star Wars*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *Remember the Titans*. Drop the characters who are supposed to be the good guys but don't act like they are.

- Don't shy away from religious themes. Check the attendance figures for *The Passion of the Christ*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and the just-released *End of the Spear*.

Finally, there's no reason Hollywood and America shouldn't get along with each other. Respect our intelligence, and we'll respect yours. At bottom, it's that simple.

GUEST OPINION:



Together, waiting

By Russell D. Moore
Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

"The priest didn't hound me," she reported. "He said, 'People make mistakes.'"

Regina's story could be understood by the clinic operating room supervisor Ebony, whom the article chillingly describes as rinsing "the blood off aborted tissues." Ebony, too, has had an abortion. "As a Baptist," the article said, "she still considered abortion a sin, but so are a lot of things we all do, she said." The article closes with Ebony's words to the Catholic undergoing the abortion: "No problem sweetie. We've all been there."

As we talk through the "ecumenism of the trenches" between Catholics and evangelicals, perhaps we should remember the sad truth that there is also an "ecumenism

of the waiting room." The women ushered into the death clinics are not usually secularist feminists, proudly wearing their NOW T-shirts. More often, they are girls from St. Joseph's parish or First Baptist's youth group. They would be counted as "pro-life" on the telephone survey. They know all the right answers to the sanctity of life questions, and they can be counted on, when they reach voting age, to cast ballots for pro-life candidates but even with all of this the case, they wait together for the abortionist's "solution."

The challenge for our churches is not to be more condemnatory. The message of God's grace is the heart, after all, of the Gospel. The atone-

ment of Jesus forgives every sin, including that of the shedding of innocent blood but, like the apostle Paul, we must remember that grace that is license to sin is no grace at all. We must comfort repentant post-abortion women with the truth that "there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ" (Romans 8:1).

At the same time, we must focus this grace in a biblical direction. It is not "we all make mistakes." It is instead that judgment has fallen, in all of its fury, on a crucified Messiah who became sin that we might become the righteousness of God in him (2 Corinthians 5:21). As we proclaim God the justifier, we must not forget that this means the proclamation of God the just (Romans 3:26).

If we don't preach a biblical understanding of sin and grace, don't be deceived — the local abortion clinic operator is ready to take our place in the pulpit.

Adapted from the January/February edition of *Touchstone* magazine (www.touchstonemag.com). Moore, a Biloxi native, is dean of the school of theology and senior vice president for academic administration at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. His commentary appears courtesy of Baptist Press.

NOBTS reopening doors to 200 students

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Calling it a great day of triumph and victory, New Orleans Seminary (NOBTS) President Chuck Kelley welcomed students back to the main campus on Jan. 23. After five long months away, about 200 students participated in a "welcome back" lunch on the first day of classes. Also among those in attendance were 17 new NOBTS students.

The return of classes to New Orleans Seminary marked the most significant milestone to date in the seminary's efforts to recover from Hurricane Katrina. The storm, which struck Mississippi and Louisiana in late August of last year, and subsequent levee failures inundated much of the campus with water in late August, forcing a complete evacuation.

"It's good to have you back," Kelley told the commuter students at a special red beans and rice lunch. "Welcome to 'Camp New Orleans' — lots of uncertainty, lots of limitations — but God is here. People literally all over the world know your challenges and they are praying for you."

Kelley recounted the sadness of driving through the campus following the move-out and salvage days in October. The campus was empty and desolate. That emptiness has given way to life and activity, Kelley said with joy.

"We are thankful for your passion for Jesus that has kept you preparing for ministry in the midst of this incredible circumstance called Hurricane Katrina," he said. "It is your passion for Jesus that has led you here and we want to do everything we can to feed that passion."

Kelley called the seminary family a "living illustration" of what Jesus does with human lives and human history. No matter what difficult circumstances believers face, he said Christians "overwhelmingly conquer" in Jesus Christ.

Most of the returning students continued their studies during the fall semester through



BACK IN BUSINESS — Welcome signs at the front of New Orleans Seminary greet students on the resumption of classes at the main campus. Other signs with the text of Jeremiah 29:11 and Isaiah 43: 1-2 also adorned the front of campus. (BP photo by Gary D. Myers)

Internet-assisted courses or workshops. Many of them, like master of divinity student Kimberly Moynahan, expressed joy in returning to the classroom.

"I'm very excited, beyond excited," she said. "I've been waiting and taking classes online. I'm a big 'classroom participation' person, so coming back today was overwhelmingly exciting."

Moynahan, who returned to the New Orleans area with her husband shortly after the storm, said she missed the interaction with students and professors during the fall. The Dayton, Ohio, native said she has developed a love for the city of New Orleans and called her seminary experience a "gift from God."

Like many of the students in attendance, Moynahan has been busy ministering in the city during the months following Hurricane Katrina. Through her work with Louisiana Baptist disaster relief, she is doing her part to offer the hope of Jesus to hurting people.

Moynahan said the disaster relief efforts of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and local SBC churches have been a great witness. This love and kindness is making an impact on the way New Orleans residents view Baptists.

In an interview following the lunch, Kelley echoed her thoughts, believing that the seminary can help make New Orleans a city of hope rather than a city of despair — hope that comes only from a relationship with Jesus Christ. Having students return is the first step in offering that hope, he noted.

The return to campus is an illustration of God's grace and His redemptive power that provides confidence and security to face the future, Kelley said.

Spring classes on the main campus will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Many students will be able to carry a fulltime course load by commuting to campus only one or two days a week. The seminary also has offered a

full schedule of Internet-assisted courses for students who are unable to commute to campus.

The first signs of normalcy returned to the main campus earlier in January when a number of seminary offices reopened. The president's office, library, dean of students/campus life office, and clinic were among the offices reopening Jan. 11 in New Orleans.

The remaining offices, temporarily housed at the seminary's Atlanta-area campus, are expected to return to New Orleans later this spring when telephone and Internet services are more stable.

Normal campus operations and classes will resume on the main campus in August. However, seminary officials remain optimistic that student housing will be ready for the start of summer workshop classes in May.

Correction

Due to a data entry error, Mississippi Baptist churches celebrating 150th anniversaries were incorrectly listed on page three of the January 12 issue as celebrating 175th anniversaries. The Baptist Record regrets the error and offers the following corrected listing of churches celebrating 150th anniversaries:

Cumberland (Webster)
First Verona (Lee)
Gunnison (Mid-Delta)
Liberty (Smith)
Mars Hill (Winston)
New Black Jack (Neshoba)
New Hope Coldwater (Northwest)
Pleasant Bill (Lincoln)
Shubuta (Clarke)
Shuqualak (Noxubee)

Looking back

150 years ago

Woman's Missionary Union will assume the financial responsibility for its work with language groups, relinquishing approximately \$195,000 in revenue from the Home Mission Board.

200 years ago

Bolivar County Baptists hold a Bold Missions Awareness conference and banquet to launch their efforts to sponsor a team planning to participate in a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board evangelistic crusade in Argentina.

100 years ago

Duke McCall, a native of Mississippi who has served as president of the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans for three years, announces his resignation to accept the position of Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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CP at work

Near the end of August, 2005, Hurricane Katrina plowed through Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana with the greatest impact our nation has ever known for a natural disaster. Total impact was felt over an area of 90,000 square miles.

As a result of this storm your Mississippi Baptist Convention employees have covered the affected area bringing hope and relief to pastors, churches, and individuals. Because of your church and your faithfulness in giving through the Cooperative Program, we have been able to add to our disaster relief program some financial assistance to pastors and churches.

Thank you for your gifts to the disaster relief effort and to the Cooperative Program.

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ONE STATEMENT

Some time ago I saw William Buckley, host for more than 30 years of the television show *Firing Line* and author of more than 40 books, being interviewed on TV. It was one of those call-in formats where the host was doing the interview and it was interspersed with questions from people across the country. What caught my attention the most was one person who called in to take issue over one sentence Bill Buckley had recently made. The caller said that for years she had been an admirer and appreciated him so much as she had watched his program and supported his positions until he made that one statement! Now she was ready to drop him and change her position about him.

After she finished her question and hung up, he appeared to be stunned, but it was more like just thoughtfulness. He began his reply by saying, "It is amazing, the power of one thing said or left unsaid!" Then he went on and made some comments about his comment, but I thought, how true that is! Just one thing said, or even one thing left unsaid, can totally reshape someone's opinion about another person.

The books, articles, speeches, and endless hours of television



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

time discussing issues and debating were being set aside over one statement. It caught my attention because I began to reflect on how every Sunday our pastors get up to speak morning, night, and then again on Wednesday night. It is possible for someone to hear a thousand sermons and paralleling the words in those sermons is a life of integrity that exhibits an authentic Christian lifestyle, and yet one statement can reshape everything on any given Sunday.

One statement can discourage someone to the point of giving up. One statement can disillusion someone to the point of despair or can unnerve someone to where they just fall by the wayside. Add to that several other dimensions about preaching, like the number of times spoken each week in a public forum and the number of things addressed that are sensitive and personal issues. Add to that the fact that we never know

what is actually going on inside the human heart. With all of that mixed together, people can be put on edge.

On the other hand, the pastor may not have even a remote clue that he has said something that was offensive. I doubt that William Buckley lost a wink of sleep because someone in a national TV audience didn't agree with something he said, but in the local Baptist church, where all of life is lived out up-close and personal, not agreeing with one statement that the pastor says can hurt the work of the Lord and change the dynamics of a congregation. Maybe that is why many of our pastors live in nervous uncertainty that they may say something wrong or fall under attack for something they did not say. I have found two things that can be very helpful.

Preachers, speak thoughtfully. Be prepared to speak, think through your message,

and visualize some, if not all, of the people. Analyze what kind of hurtful things might be contained in your words. Speak the truth in love.

Congregation, listen graciously. Don't just listen to what your pastor says, but listen with ears that are laced with grace. What does that mean? Well, let's give one another a break. I do not mean for you to overlook our faults, failures, and sinfulness. No, I'm saying to recognize our humanity and lighten up with each other. Do not chew up a guy and spit him out simply because he mispronounced a word or did not have the same slant on a verse that you have.

Wouldn't it be remarkable if all of us listened to each other with the same kind of ears that grandparents listened to their grandchildren with? One time I heard a little child sing in church. The grandmother could hardly wait to get to me after the service to ask, "Have you ever heard anything like that in all your life?" With total honesty I answered, "No, I never have!" At that moment and now, I am convinced we heard two different things, but at the same time we both loved the little girl.

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LEGISLATORS RAN

Editor:

At the risk of seeming insensitive, I must take exception to part of the "Dear Legislator" editorial in the January 12 issue of The Baptist Record.

In paragraph four, you wrote that most legislators "must put aside their families, businesses, and community activities for one-quarter of each year..." Since every legislator ran for election to his or her office, it seems that fulfilling the duties of their elected offices is part of their business, too!

You opened paragraph five with "That's no small sacrifice..." Mr. Perkins, I assure you that most Mississippians would love to have part-time jobs with all the pay, privileges, and perks our legislators enjoy.

Yes, many of them are conscientious and hard-working; I applaud and appreciate those. So far, though, I've not seen any of them out-performing their pay packages.

In fact, it seems that few (if any) of them even perform up to their campaign promises. How many wasted days have we witnessed during special sessions because the legislators failed to get their jobs done during regular session, or were unwilling to cooperate with one another to handle the special needs that prompted these sessions?

If the legislators work for a salary, there should be no extra pay for special sessions. If they work for an hourly rate, I'd love to see them start clocking in and out. I think it might expedite the business of legislating, so that these public servants might then get back to their other businesses.

Thank you for the reminder of proper etiquette in communicating with our elected officials, as well as the phone numbers, etc., that we may use to contact them.

Keith Dendy
Louisville

REVIVALS

Friendship Church, Aberdeen: Revival, Feb. 19-22; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; youth emphasis, Sun. a.m., followed by picnic lunch; Mon. evening, children's night; R. J. Wilemon, Tupelo, speaker; John Bailey, Hot Springs, Ark., music; Todd Bowen, pastor.

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SAD IMB POLICY

Editor:

I have followed with great sadness recent changes in International Mission Board (IMB) policy regarding baptism and the gift of tongues. Equally disturbing is the subsequent action taken against trustee Wade Burleson, one of the board's dissenting voices ("IMB trustees initiate rare removal action," The Baptist Record, Vol. 130, No.3). IMB trustees have adopted policy that slams a cold door in the face of passionate Southern Baptists who have received a definite call to missions. Furthermore, they have exhibited a smallness of spirit that stifles genuine cooperation.

Many Southern Baptists practice the spiritual gift of tongues during devotional prayer times. This is a fairly well known "secret." IMB trustees now claim that these faithful Southern Baptists are unfit for service. In the future

these types of candidates will be cast aside in favor of the ever-shrinking pool of Landmark Fundamentalist and cessationist candidates.

Who would have ever dreamed of IMB policy that would have excluded Bertha Smith? One wonders what the trustees would do with the Apostle Paul. We can imagine them asking him if he prayed in tongues devotionally. Paul's integrity would demand him say, "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you" (1 Corinthians 14:18). Would the trustees really turn him away? Yes, I fear they would.

For an excellent treatment of the contemporary experience of tongues written from a Southern Baptist perspective, I recommend Ron M. Philips' *Awakened by the Spirit: Reclaiming the Forgotten Gift of God*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1999.

Matt Snowden, pastor
Truitt Memorial Church
Pearl

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Clue: W = R

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: John Twelve: Twenty-Six.



1. Havard Recognized, Rocky Creek Church, Rocky Creek



1. McCaa Recognized, Rocky Creek Church, Rocky Creek



2. Deacon Ordination, First Church, Helena



3. White Oak Church, Smith Association, ordained Kenneth Puckett as a deacon. Shown are pastor Tim Robertson, Puckett, and Jerry Derrick.

3. Deacon Ordination, White Oak Church, Smith Association



6. Embrace Performs at Gospel Fest, Pearson Church, Pearl



5. Nissan Plant Tour, Sunrise Church, Leake County

4. Lebanon Church, Ripley, recently burned the note on their sanctuary. Shown are deacons Bonnie Mauney, Oscar Stewart, and Glenn Mauney, and pastor Lane Finley. Also shown are a group of church members who went to Petal to do volunteer cleanup work in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.



4. Hurricane Katrina Relief, Lebanon Church, Ripley

5. A group from Sunrise Church, Leake County, recently toured the Nissan plant in Canton. Shown are the participants.



6. Pearson Church, Pearl, will host a Gospel Fest featuring Embrace Feb. 4, 6 p.m. Free admission; a love offering will be taken. The church will also host an all you can eat pancake supper at 5 p.m.; adults, \$6; 12 and under, \$4, with proceeds going toward Baptist Men's Missions projects.

7. Northcrest Church, Meridian, will host the Crabb Family in concert Feb. 16, 7 p.m. For more information, call (601) 482-3498.

4. Noteburning Ceremony, Lebanon Church, Ripley



THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

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"Mississippi's Best-Kept Secret"

Daniel Hall
Executive Director
Mississippi Baptist Foundation

Secret n (sē-krat) – 1. something kept hidden or unexplained; 2. something kept from the knowledge of others or shared only confidentially with a few (Webster's 9th New Collegiate Dictionary).

A unique exhibition of art was held recently in the Georgetown area of Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Washington Project for Arts, this exhibit boasted 2,000 postcards containing the personal secrets of anonymous individuals from around the world. Known as the PostSecret project, this art show had the primary goal of raising awareness of and funds for a specific charitable organization and cause.

Some of the secrets presented on the postcards were humorous such as one which confessed, "I rescue earthworms from the sidewalks so they won't get squished," while others promoted a sense of security and well-being like the one that stated, "I am very happy with who I am today." The common denominator of every postcard was the fact that they expressed feelings and facts that had heretofore gone unrevealed.

Over the past 18 months that I have served as Executive Director of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, numerous folks have expressed their appreciation for the mission and ministry of the Foundation. At the same time, however, these same people also have shared their view that the Foundation is "the best kept secret in Mississippi." Although we've been a part of Mississippi Baptist life since 1943 and have developed incredible relationships with many individuals, churches, associations, and institutions during the past 6+ decades, we want to take additional steps to ensure that our "best-kept secret" status becomes a historical tag. Therefore, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to some new friends while also providing an update to many others who we have been privileged to serve through the years.

Like those who submitted postcards to the PostSecret art project, we want to broadcast some facts about ourselves. Unlike those who submitted secrets for the art exhibit, however, we do not want to be anonymous to Mississippi Baptists. Rather than run the risk of remaining hidden and unexplained or being guilty of sharing our story with only a few, we desire to become a well-known resource for assisting others to accomplish Kingdom goals through Baptist ministries. To this end, I hope that you will take a few moments to explore some of the highlights of our ministry as the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

Our Ministry

Winter 2006

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation serves as the trust agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, offering a means whereby Mississippi Baptists can provide perpetual support for Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist causes until our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ returns.

As the trust agency of the Convention, the Mississippi Baptist Foundation promotes Christian estate stewardship, receives, invests, and manages endowment gifts. Additionally, the Foundation distributes earnings from these endowments to many Baptist ministries. In essence, the Mississippi Baptist Foundation serves as a money-management partner for Mississippi Baptist churches, institutions, and agencies. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation ministers under the direction of a Board of Trustees elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Foundation receives primary funding through a Cooperative Program allocation. As a Mississippi Baptist agency, the Mississippi Baptist Foundation desires to advance the goal of "helping bring Mississippi and the World to Jesus."



Our Foundation Trustees

Pictured above, Mississippi Baptist Foundation Trustees are: Seated from Left: Past President Paul Breazeale, Member of First Jackson; President Barry Hardy, Member of Broadmoor, Madison; Vice President Solon Smith, Member of First Greenville; Treasurer Jim Ford, Member of First Columbus; Secretary Ron Logan, Member of Ridgecrest, Madison.

Standing from Left: Ed Jones, Member of First Pascagoula; Gary Blair, Member of First Brookhaven; Kearney Travis, Member of First Hattiesburg; Nikki Fletcher, Member of Pine Lake, Brandon; and Dan Wynn, Member of First Natchez.

OUR GOALS

- To maximize God-given resources intended for the perpetual support of Baptist ministries through good stewardship of the assets entrusted to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation;
- To be a resource for Mississippi Baptists for estate stewardship information and assistance;
- To encourage every adult Mississippi Baptist to have a Last Will and Testament and to favor Baptist causes with at least a tithe of their estate;
- To provide money-management services for Mississippi Baptist churches, institutions, and agencies;
- To offer unsurpassed Christian service in an effort to benefit Kingdom ministries through enhanced donor relations.

Stewardship Promotion Seminars Offered

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION PROMOTES ESTATE STEWARDSHIP BY OFFERING THREE GENERAL SEMINARS. The format of each seminar is appropriate for Discipleship Training sessions, group luncheons, and other gatherings. Please call the Mississippi Baptist Foundation to schedule one of the following seminars.

• Will Seminar

This seminar features a discussion of the Last Will and Testament with emphasis on the importance of establishing a valid will in Mississippi, the probate process, estate taxes, property ownership, and gifts to advance Kingdom ministries.

• Investment Seminar

The Investment Seminar provides an overview of the concept of risk vs. return, the importance of asset allocation, and the various classes of assets that are compatible with investment objectives.

• Financial Gifts Seminar

Participants in this seminar will learn of the tax advantages of charitable gifts and the methods for establishing these gifts.

Discussion centers on outright gifts, gifts of appreciated property, insurance gifts, and life income gifts such as the charitable remainder trust, gift annuity, and the pooled income fund.

THE FOUNDATION ASSISTS INDIVIDUALS WHO DESIRE TO MAKE A GIFT, GENERALLY AN ENDOWMENT OR A LIFE INCOME GIFT, to any Mississippi Baptist or Southern Baptist cause or mission. Not only does the Mississippi Baptist Foundation provide information to prospective donors and their advisors, but the Foundation often also serves as Trustee of the gift. Life income gifts include the Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trust, Pooled Income Fund, and Charitable Lead Trust.

• Gift Annuity

A Gift Annuity is a contract representing an irrevocable exchange of a gift of cash or securities for a guaranteed, fixed income each year for the life of the donor. Upon the donor's death, the remaining funds are distributed to a Baptist cause in accordance with the donor's wishes. While gift annuity rates are set by the individual charita-

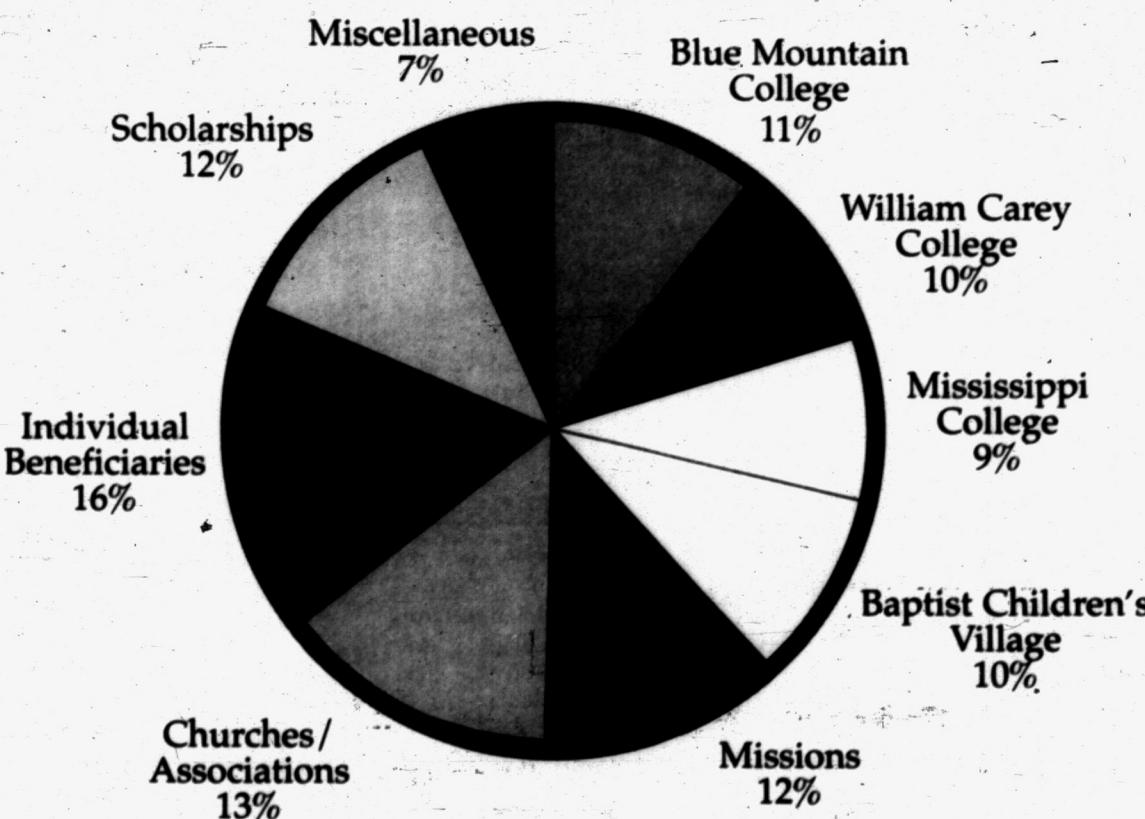
ble organization, these rates generally conform to the rates published by the American Council of Gift Annuities.

• Charitable Remainder Trusts

A Charitable Remainder Trust is an irrevocable trust in which a donor places cash, securities, or other property while retaining a specified income for life or other defined period of years. Upon completion of the trust's duration, the remaining assets are distributed to Baptist causes or mission opportunities as determined by the donor in the trust agreement. Charitable Remainder Trusts take the form of an Annuity Trust or a Unitrust.

• Pooled Income Fund

The Pooled Income Fund accepts gifts from many donors, "pools" these funds together for investment purposes, and distributes the Fund's earned income quarterly on a proportional basis to all participants. When the last named income beneficiary of a gift dies, the portion of the Fund's principal associated with the gift is distributed to the specified Baptist cause.



The funds managed by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation support many ministries. The chart above gives a summary of our work for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

MBF Investment Funds

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION OPERATES TWO HIGHLY DIVERSIFIED COMMON INVESTMENT FUNDS. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation employs the services of professional money managers for both the MBF Equity Fund and the MBF Fixed Income Fund. These managers assist with ongoing decisions regarding the optimal portfolio of stocks and bonds that will help meet investment objectives.

- **The MBF Equity Fund** utilizes the services of four different money managers each following a different style or discipline. The Investment Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation's Board of Trustees regularly monitors the performance of each individual money manager.
- **The MBF Fixed Income Fund** utilizes two different managers.

Performance MBF Equity Fund*

Inception	5 year	3 year	1 year
9.82%	4.28%	17.54%	6.36%

The primary focus of one fixed income manager is U.S. Government-backed fixed income obligations, while the portfolio of the other fixed income manager consists of obligations issued by United States Corporations.

Performance MBF Fixed Income Fund*

Inception	5 year	3 year	1 year
6.82%	6.03%	3.65%	1.97%

BY USING THE COMMON INVESTMENT FUND APPROACH, THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION IS ABLE TO OFFER VERY WELL DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENTS TO ANY SIZE ACCOUNT. The trust accounting software employed by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation makes the proper administration of these common funds possible.

MBF Scholarships Bless Hundreds of Mississippians!

The apostle Paul expressed confidence in his Lord when he declared, "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). This well-known verse highlights the focus of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation's Scholarship Ministry.

Due to the generosity of many faithful Christian stewards, the Foundation has the privilege of providing needs-based supplemental financial assistance to Mississippi students who

are pursuing a degree at a Mississippi Baptist college or a Southern Baptist seminary. Most of these endowed scholarship accounts offer specific eligibility guidelines for awarding a scholarship grant. Factors such as field of study, institution attended, and scholarship amount often are included as stipulated criteria for award consideration. SEE BELOW THE MANY STUDENTS BLESSED BY OUR SCHOLARSHIPS THIS YEAR!

In an effort to honor the purpose of the MBF

Scholarship Ministry, the Board of Trustees of the MBF has set forth additional guidelines that are applicable to all scholarship awards. For more information about the Mississippi Baptist Foundation Scholarship Ministry, please contact our office at Post Office Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, telephone us at (601) 292-3210, or (800) 748-1651, or visit our website, www.mbc.org/agencies/mbf. A completed scholarship application must be received in the MBF office by April 30.



BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Samantha Kalyn Davis, Columbus
Robert Ekis, Huntsville, AL
Tommy Trey Farmer, Crystal Springs
Jeffrey Lee Harrison Jr., Belmont
Rickie Hatcher, Dumas, MS
Christina Henry, Horn Lake
Scott Hudson, Pontotoc
Jennifer Ingram, Louisville
John Jumper, Saltillo
Amy Katherine Ledbetter, Tupelo
Jeffrey F. Moore, Ripley
Lydia B Moore, Meridian
Carol Marie Peters, Myrtle
Dallas Pitts, Steens
Caleb Warren Ramey, Tupelo
Jesi Rogers, Pittsboro
Lacasey L. Russell, Shannon
Jeff Smith, Saltillo
Joseph Stewart, Columbus
Christina Teel, Holly Springs
Lewis L. Williams, Burnsville
William Randall (Randy) Williamson, Greenwood

GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Jon Garrett Holmes, Brookhaven

MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Jonathon (Eric) Smith, Corinth

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Rebecca Adams, Tylertown
Lauren Elizabeth Armstrong, Bude
Melissa L. Banks, Florence
Lane W. Beasley, Crystal Springs
Tanya T. Bingham, Pearl
Ashlynn Bloomfield, Vancleave
Brian Boiko, Moss Point
Haley Lynn Boone, Madison
Heather Renee Boone, Louisville
Adam Kortell Brown, Lucedale
Steven Burch, McComb
Victoria Humphries Card, Oxford
Joseph A. Charlton, Little Rock, MS
Stephen Cirlot, Moss Point
BethAnne Clark, Hattiesburg
Mallory Lynn Conner, Oxford
Brittany Amanda Cooper, Jackson
Amber Coots, Clinton
Kristen Nicole DeMoney, Madison
Roger Austin Dillard, Saltillo
Tara Dodson, Pearl
Matthew H. Dominy, Flowood
Mark A. Dragon, Jr., Picayune
Chase B. Dudley, Ridgeland
Tye Dudley, Ridgeland
Lauren Brynn Fortenberry, Oxford
Alexander Frisbee, Vicksburg
Jana Gilreath, Gulfport
Janice Michelle Glenn, Escatawpa
Thomas Gray, Columbia
Amy L. Hardy, Madison



Golden Gate

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary



The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary



Michael W. Havens, Edwards
Gary Franklin Hays, Rolling Fork
Florence Michelle Moak Holmes, Tylertown

Charles Alan House, Jr., Drew
Joseph Ivey, Vicksburg
Brian David Jett, Southaven
Jenna Leigh Jones, Brandon
Sara Elizabeth Jones, Brandon
William Harrison (Will) Jones, Brandon
Yannick Frans Lecroart, Ridgeland
Olga Sofia Lepe, Gulfport
Ashly Elizabeth Madison, Canton
Bradley A. Mann, Skene
Kalyn Elizabeth Massey, Madison
Bryant M. May, Brandon
Wes McGehee, Clinton
Amanda L. Miller, Madison
Brian Thomas Murphy, Columbus
Cara Denise Nash, Clinton
Leah Pate, Greenwood
Gillian Patrick, Brandon
Heather D. Peevy, Brandon
Aimee Suzanne Plunkett, Clarksdale
Bethany Allen Plunkett, Clarksdale
William Seth Price, Kosciusko
Brenda Quattlebaum, Flora
Lana Patrice Queen, Raymond
Emily Bess Rich, Prentiss
Heather Richards, Brandon
Jenny Savely, Pontotoc
Chad Everett Shelley, Georgetown
Allyn Ann Terry Simpson, Clinton
Carmen Dell Smith, Brandon
Whitney Jeanette Smith, Picayune
Dustin Stewart, Tickfow, LA
Mallory Sullivan, Crystal Springs
Kenneth W. Tisdale, Madison
Nathan VanHorn, Columbia
Jake William Waits, Holcomb
Elizabeth Wallace, Brandon
Matthew Blake Wallace, Pontotoc
Jónathon Watts, Biloxi
Sarah Elizabeth Welborn, Sumner
Amanda Dove Wells, Star
Justin White, Vicksburg
David Kyle "Williams", Bogue Chitto
Elliot Yates, Philadelphia
Lauren York, Columbus

Jonathan Bryant, New Albany
Larry Bryant, New Albany
Josh Burnham, Oxford
Daniel Cade Campbell, Monticello
Marcus Clay Canoy, Brandon
Harry K. Chamberlain, Long Beach
William Paul Chidester, Hattiesburg
Martin Roy Clark, Indianola
Joseph C. Cochran, Lucedale
Kelly Marie Dabbs, Meridian
John Davis, Falkner
Barbara Dawkins, Mathiston
Brian Preston Dedmon, Grenada
Delio DelRio, Lutz
Miller Eichelberger, Louisville
David Scott Flynt, Laurel
Scott Fortenberry, Clinton
Jonathan Wade Haimes, Newhebron
Rowland Hall, Madison
Jason Scott Hathorn, Ellisville
Michael Hendricks, Yazoo City
John Patrick Henry, Florence
Edward G. Herron, Jayess
Joseph Daniel Hogue, Dumas
Darla Hollis, Brookhaven
Anna Inmon, Starkville
William Trent Jaudon, Grenada
Alfred Benjamin Jernigan, Vicksburg
Britton G. Johnston, Barton
Gregory Lee Joiner, Collinsville
Donnie Jones, Waynesboro
Jason L. King, Corinth/Brandon
Derek S. Lambert, Silver Creek
Timothy D. Lawrence, Jayess
Brian Alan Lees, Woodville
Whit Lewis, Kosciusko
Billy Manning, Jackson
Jon David Martin, Philadelphia
Joe McCrillis, Byram
Elizabeth C. McGraw, Woodville
Mauricka Devon McKenzie, Sr., Quitman
Steve Mears, Greenville
Mark G. Metcalf, Jackson
Jennifer L. Miller, Brandon
Linda Rasberry Monroe, Jackson
Forrest Moss, Starkville
Jenny M. Newman, Liberty
Jenny Michelle Newman, McComb
Blakely Malone Newsom, Grenada
Daniel Norwood, Pelahatchie
Matthew Charles Olszewski, Biloxi
David Lee Patterson, Crystal Springs
Timothy J. Peabody, Clinton
Steven Mitchell Perry, Crystal Springs
Kristie Pearce Roberts, Bay St Louis
Patricia Robey, Taylorsville
Devin Rost, Amory
John David (J. D.) Shaw, FB Kosciusko
Allen Bruce Silk, Greenville
Derrick Simmons, Pope
Carla Smith, Tupelo
Rebecca Smith, Iuka
Leslie P. Spiers, Picayune
Paul Spradley, Indianola
Jessica Stanford, Hernando
Brandon Starnes, Wesson

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Kenneth W. Armstrong, Magee
Amanda D. Aslam, Philadelphia
Alyssa Dees Avant, Carrollton
Ronald A. Ball, Ridgeland
James Belcher, Starkville
Kristin Berry, Jackson
Dave Best, Amory
Paula Binns, Natchez
Mark A. Bowman, Pelahatchie
Jeffery W. Box, Greenville
Greg Breazeale, Purvis
Brian Bridges, Richland
Wayne Brown, Pearl

Chad Thompson, Hickory Flatt
Charles Ryan Thurman, Brookhaven
Daniel Aaron Tucker, Carthage
Jennifer B. VanNorman, Vicksburg
Earl Roderick Varner, Sebastopol
Bryan R. Wall, Brandon
Charles D. Wallace, Jackson
Krisman L. Walters, Hattiesburg
Barry Walton, Pearl
William E. Weeks Jr., Magnolia
Diane Whitcomb, Jackson
Jeff Wilkerson, Ripley
Casey Leguin Williams, Ellisville
Eric Wayne Williamson, Petal
Greg Willis, Pontotoc
Albert J. Wolfe, Vicksburg
Nicholas Jay Wolfe, Vicksburg
Kirby E. Wooton III, Clinton
Kenneth Wright, Batesville

Will Lofton, Brookhaven
Mary Love, Glen Allan
Joseph Curtis Luby, Madison
Shane Mason, Sontag
Amos Brandon McLain, Hattiesburg
MacKenzie Ruth Montague, Kosciusko
Kevin Alexander Nelson, Charleston
Stephanie Jill Ogle, Hattiesburg
David L. Piedt, Ridgeland / Brand
David Todd Plunkett, Aberdeen
Brian Mitchel Ross, Ridgeland
Bennett T. Sanderson, Houston
James Sanford, Columbus
Erika Francis Scrimshire, Laurel
Don Scrivener, Louisville
Ross Teasler, Algoma
Micaela A. Tharp, Southaven
Larry Franklin Tubb, Amory
Andy Vaughn, Columbus

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Leroy J. Brewer, Starkville
Brian Daniels, Belden
Michael Estes, Clinton
David Chadwick McCord, Tupelo
Jason Newell, Sumrall
Samuel D. Newell, Jackson
Casey W. Powell, Columbus

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE

Jaenina Monta Batol, Long Beach
James E. Bradford, Shubuta
Cortnee E. Dilmore, Taylorsville
Jennifer Hall, Florence
Timothy Eric Hall, Florence
Jimmy Hayes, II, Sumrall
Jeff Hollingsworth, Petal
Mandy Jackson, Richland
Rebekah Denise Kelso, Southaven
Jonathan Eric Kitchens, Vicksburg
Meaghan Knight, Poplarville
Sarah Knox, Amory
Marilyn Parshena Layton, Shubuta
Sara Ruth McKnight, Laurel
Eric Bradley McNair, Pearl
Jessica Merchant, Crystal Springs
Kimberly M. Norris, Olive Branch

Amy Leigh Perry, Wiggins
Rhonda Renee Phillips, Saucier
Sarah Elizabeth Pigford, Big Point
Richard Sandberg, Long Beach
Daniel A. Sapp, Vicksburg
Hank Shaw, Laurel
Michael E. Stevenson Jr., Pelahatchie

Ashley Webb, Holly Springs
Kimberly Westmoreland, Newhebron
Richard D. Williams, Ellisville
Matthew G. Woods, Terry
Joe Townsend Woodyear, Meadville

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Laura Beth Atwood, Oxford
Kevin Ryan Cuthbertson, Holly Springs
Laura Ann Thompson Cuthbertson, Brandon
Bobby Bill Melton, Charlton
Ashley Minyard, Winona
Karen Marie Sheffield, Picayune
Jason Robert Tipton, Hernando
Joshua Thomas Vincent, McComb
Brian James Wimberly, Columbus

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Jonathan Blair, Jackson
Eric Boswell, Slaydon
Brandon Shea Cook, Brandon
Jason C. Crider, Pearl
Bruce Wayne Crockett, Independence
William Ducksworth, Fort Worth
Graham Floyd, Gore Springs
W. Madison Grace II, Satartia
Sherman Darnell Grandison, Moss Point
David Shane Hammett, Starkville
Chad B. Hampton, Florence
Shelby Hazzard, Greenville
Hope Henderson, Brandon
Amy Elizabeth Kendrick, Laurel
Reid Kirk, Carrollton, TX

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Money Management Services Provided for Churches, Institutions, Agencies and Foundation Accounts

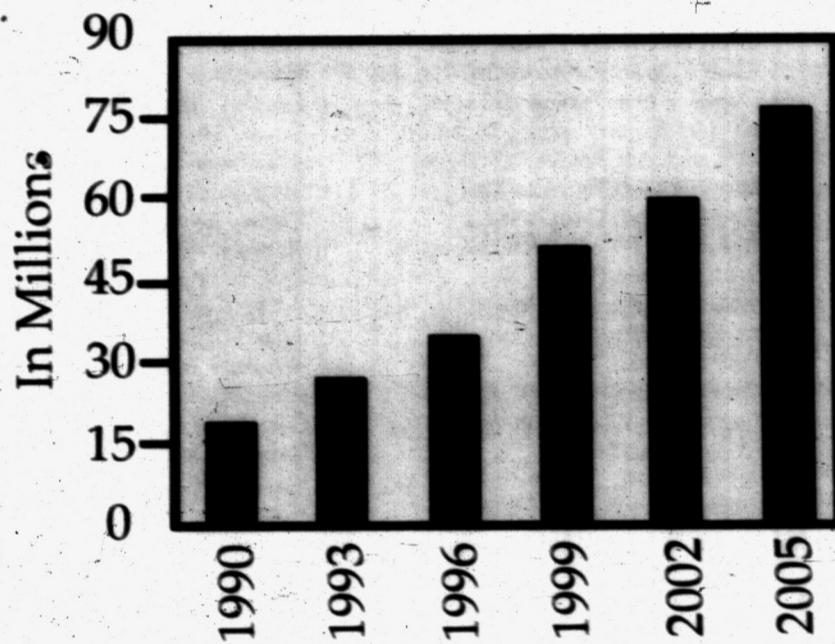
The Mississippi Baptist Foundation provides money management services for Mississippi Baptist churches, institutions, agencies, and other Foundation accounts. Available Foundation investment services include the following:

- **MBF Equity Fund** – This growth stock fund is designed for capital appreciation with little emphasis on income. Invested in stock offerings of U.S. and international corporations, this fund is managed by four outside professional money managers.
- **MBF Fixed Income Fund** – This bond fund is designed to produce income with little attention given to capital appreciation. This fund is invested in U.S. government securities and corporate bonds by two outside professional money managers.

• **MBF Short Term Cash Fund** – This fund is a money market-type fund which is designed to out-perform both the current yields associated with six and twelve month certificates of deposits and the 91-day Treasury bill rate. With this approach, the Short-Term Cash Fund matches a competitive rate of return with full liquidity. This fund is managed by the Southern Baptist Foundation.

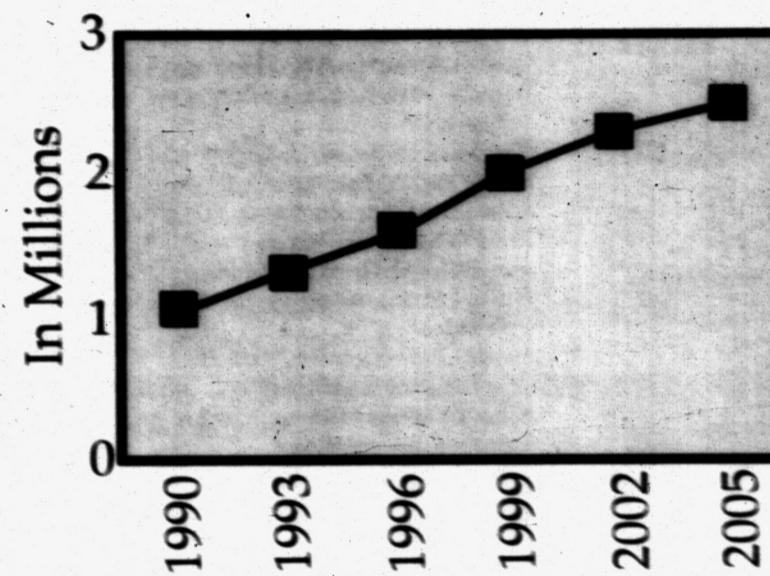
• **MBF General Endowment Fund** – This fund is designed to address the long term investment objectives of perpetual endowment accounts. The Endowment Fund seeks to provide income while guarding against the effects of inflation. The Endowment Fund is invested in stocks and bonds according to a preset allocation. The current investment allocation of the Endowment Fund is 30% in the MBF Equity Fund and 70% in the MBF Fixed Income Fund.

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT



The Mississippi Baptist Foundation's assets have grown substantially over the past 15 years from \$18.1 million in 1990 to \$76.6 million in 2005. The graphs above show our asset growth along with our increase in income distribution.

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS



THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

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NOW YOU KNOW "MISSISSIPPI'S BEST-KEPT SECRET"

Two 5-year-olds were playing games and talking about various topics that would be interesting and meaningful to any young child when one of the kids blurted out, "I've got a secret!" This unsolicited announcement immediately piqued the curiosity of the second child who quickly gave his undivided attention to the other kid. To his dismay, however, the child who possessed the secret refused to share the first tantalizing tidbit of information. The second child

employed an age-old strategy by declaring, "I'll be your best friend if you tell me."

Because we want you to be our good friend in ministry, we have shared our "secret" with you. Hopefully some of the aforementioned information not only has deepened your understanding of the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, but also has piqued your interest in learning more about specific areas such as developing a Christian will,

estate-planning opportunities, and the establishment of a scholarship or memorial trust.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us by phone (601/292-3210) or by email dhall@mbcb.org.

Please be assured that your friends at the Mississippi Baptist Foundation look forward to every opportunity to come alongside of fellow Mississippi Baptists as "laborers together with God."

JUST FOR THE RECORD



8. Deacon Ordination, McCall Creek Church, Franklin Assoc.



9. Deacon Ordination, Lake Como Church, Bay Springs

8. **McCall Creek Church, Franklin Association**, recently ordained Ronnie Touchstone as deacon. Shown are his father-in-law and pastor, Harold Anderson, Touchstone, and Elzie Chance.

9. **Lake Como Church, Bay Springs**, ordained Wes Hendry and Jim Bufkin as deacons. Shown, from left, are pastor Kevin Bishop, Hendry, Bufkin, and a host

of deacons from neighboring churches.

10. **First Church, Madison**, is hosting the Mississippi Baptist State Youth Music and Worship Arts Festival Feb. 17-18, 6:30 p.m. Friday until noon Saturday; Rick Greene, festival choral director. The festival is designed for the youth of your church to share, practice, and learn more about a variety of worship arts. For

more information, call (800) 748-1651 or, local in Jackson, (601) 292-3267, or visit www.mbc.org — click on departments/church music/events/state youth music and worship arts festival.

11. The sanctuary choir of Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur, along with members of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra presented Shine On Us Dec. 18.



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MS POSITIONS

YALOBUSHWA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN COFFEEVILLE, MISS., has extended accepting resumes for the position of Part-time Associational Missions Director until February 28, 2006. Send resumes and references to Yalobushwa Baptist Association, attn: Bro Bryan Bailey, P.O. Box 447, Coffeeville, MS 38922.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHANNON, MISS., is seeking full-time music and youth minister. Special consideration is given to individual with youth ministerial experience. Send resume to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 21, Shannon, MS 38868.

PART-TIME/BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTER OF MUSIC: HEUCKS RETREAT BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI, is seeking a part-time/bi-vocational Minister of Music with interests in traditional/contemporary worship styles. Please send resumes and references to Heucks Retreat Baptist Church, 2167 Heucks Retreat Rd. NE, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Attention: Chairman, Personnel Committee or call 601-672-3518.

COLLEGE AND SEMINARY NEWS



1. Small Business Leader of the Year Award presented to St. John, WCC



2. Outstanding Service Award presented to D'Arpa, WCC



4. William Washburn Scholarship Presented to Cirlot, MC



4. William Washburn Scholarship Presented to Stewart, MC

1. Robert St. John, owner and chef of Purple Parrot Company, was named the Small Business Leader of the Year at the annual Small Business Leadership Luncheon held recently at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. The luncheon is hosted annually by **William Carey College** and the Area Development Partnership.

2. Josephine D'Arpa, associate professor of music in the Winters School of Music at **William Carey College**, received an Outstanding Service Award at the William Carey College Homecoming Jan. 21 at an awards brunch held to honor alumni.

3. **William Carey College** is open for business on the New Orleans Baptist Seminary campus at 3939 Gentilly Street. Faculty and staff are currently enrolling students for the spring trimester which begins in New Orleans on March 4. WCC is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call (504) 286-3275.

4. Dustin Stewart, senior Christian Studies and Philosophy major at **Mississippi College**, is the 2005-06 recipient of the William Clawson Scholarship presented annually by the Board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Ruthie Courtney, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, is shown presenting the cash award to Stewart. Bryan Cirlot, senior Christian Studies and Philosophy major at Mississippi College, is the 2005-06 recipient of the William Washburn Scholarship presented annually by the Board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Ruthie Courtney, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, is shown presenting the cash award to Cirlot.

5. Donna Wheeler, director of Alumni Relations at **William Carey College** for more than 40 years, received an Outstanding Service Award at the William Carey College Homecoming Jan. 21 at an awards brunch held to honor alumni.

Practical Principles for Christian Living

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE CHRISTIAN ACTION COMMISSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION • VOLUME 6 • ISSUE 2

By Jimmy Porter

The 2006 Mississippi Legislative Session is well into its work. In the House 1,494 bills have been filed and 993 bills in the Senate. Thus, you

see the magnitude of the work that must be done by our elected officials in the coming days. Most of these bills will die in committee but enough will survive to keep them busy and the public concerned.

Each year I list a sampling of bills I feel are positive and could make our state better. As you would expect, there is certainly no unanimity even among us Baptists.

Here are some bills and resolutions that should be of interest to each of you:

Human Life Amendment to the Mississippi Constitution (SC 539)

In Mississippi we need to clarify that a right to privacy document does not grant a woman the right to an abortion. This amendment would grant the unborn equal protection under the Mississippi Constitution.

Prohibit the Destruction of Human Embryos and Human Cloning (SB 2712 and HB 1203)

This bill bans cloning and the practice of destroying human life in its earliest development as an embryo, for medical research and human experimentation.

In Vitro Guidelines (SB 2415 and HB 1200)

This bill would establish guidelines to avoid the over-fertilization of embryos that eventually perish or are used for human experimentation.

Fetal Awareness (SB 2716)

This bill would require the pictorial teaching of fetal development in health classes in Mississippi schools.

Sonograms (SB 2713, HB 988 and HB 1204)

This legislation would require that a woman be given the opportunity to view a sonogram and/or listen to the heartbeat of her unborn child before an abortion is performed.

Human Cloning (SB 2047)

This bill would prohibit cloning of human beings in Mississippi.

Seat Belt Law (SB 2086, SB 2250)

This bill would make the failure to use seatbelts a primary offense whereas now it is a secondary offense. This bill will save lives.

Tax Credit for Child Adoption (SB 2019, HB 471)

This bill provides tax credits to help defray the cost of adopting a child.

Tax Credit for Keeping an Elderly Relative in Home (SB 2039)

The cost of elderly care continues to rise and this tax credit could possibly help offset that cost and keep the elderly person at home.

Open Container Law (SB 2412)

This bill prohibits the possession of an open alcoholic beverage, light wine or beer container within the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle.

Sex Offenders (HB 192)

Bill authorizes the use of electronic supervision (GPS) of certain sex offenders.

Sex Offenders (HB 372)

Prohibits sex offender from establishing residency within 2

miles of schools, daycare center, park, or other areas where children may be present.

Sex Offenders (HB 374)

Failure to register as a sex offender would constitute a felony.

Covenant Marriage (HB 467)

This bill provides the option of selecting Covenant Marriage as a form of marriage.

Abstinence (HB 1465)

This act would provide information on abstinence and fetal awareness in Mississippi classrooms.

Voter ID (HB 38)

This bill simply requires identification before voting.

Several bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to restrict the use of "eminent domain." There are several gambling bills that would, if passed, expand gambling. These should die in committee but if one does not be assured you will be hearing and reading about it. There are a couple of bills designed to clarify gaming devices and tick-

ets with scratch off or pull off tabs for prizes. Due to the complexity of the gambling laws, clarification is needed.

Perhaps the most discussed bill has been SB 2310, better known as the Tobacco Tax Bill. Mississippi has the third lowest cigarette tax and the highest food tax. The governor vetoed the bill and it is (as I write this) waiting to be voted on by the Senate. They will either sustain the veto or override it. It is too close to call at the moment; in fact, it may be settled by the time you read this.

There is no doubt that a rise in tobacco taxes would save lives and save an enormous amount of tax dollars used for health care caused by tobacco use. The body is the "temple of the Holy Spirit" and to destroy it with smoking and second-hand smoke is not pleasing to God.

To see and monitor all the bills, go to <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us>. The main switchboard number at the Capitol is 601-359-3770.

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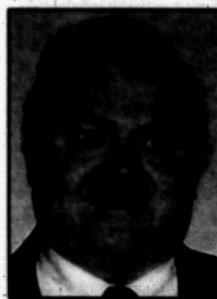
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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

When Will I Serve?

Jeremiah 1:4-19



Hicks

By Don Hicks

Has "The Word of the Lord" come to you personally? If you are a Christian, I am convinced the Bible teaches us the answer is YES! Since the account of Jeremiah's call begins "The word of the Lord came to me" (Jeremiah 1:4), we want to look at Jeremiah's call to learn more about "The Word of the Lord."

First, we might like to know when and how Jeremiah was called. According to Jeremiah 1:2 the call took place in the 13th year of King Josiah's reign which was about 626 BC (New International Version Disciple's Study Bible by Holman Bible Publishers). This was just shortly before King Josiah's very positive but short lived reform. After the reform

failed, before the end of Jeremiah's life, Judah was destroyed and Jeremiah was carried off in exile. The dating and historical detail reminds us that Jeremiah's call took place in real life.

God's call to you will also be with a full understanding of who you are. God had a full understanding of Jeremiah even before his birth. "I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations," (Jeremiah 1:5). God knowing us from our conception and before is a common theme of the scriptures. Psalm 139: 13-16: "For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will praise You, because I am unique in remarkable ways. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well. ... all my days were written in Your book and planned before a single one of them began."

There is an emphasis in Jeremiah 1:5 that we should not miss. Here it is: "I chose you," "I formed you," "I set you apart," and "I appointed you." God chose and God acted. "The word of the Lord" is totally an act of God. It is right in part because God knows the past, the present, and the future, and not just in general but specifically as it relates to you individually.

Jeremiah was set apart before he was born and appointed a prophet to the nations. Being a prophet to the nations was very intimidating to the young Jeremiah. Here is how Jeremiah responded in verse 6: "But I protested, 'Oh no, Lord God! Look, I don't know how to speak since I am

only a youth.'" Most of us can probably identify with Jeremiah as he was intimidated by the challenging call God had for him. We can also identify with him when he identified problems he expected to find. So what was God's answer to Jeremiah [and will God's answer to Jeremiah help us?]

Here is God's answer: "Do not say: I am only a youth, for you will go to everyone I send you to and speak whatever I tell you. Do not be afraid of anyone, for I will be with you to deliver you," (Jeremiah 1:7-8). Then Jeremiah used much more graphic language to explain how God had specifically helped him. Look at verse 9: "Then the Lord reached out His hand, touched my mouth, and told me: Look, I have filled your mouth with My word." This is a very strong statement of God's help for the young man, Jeremiah.

The principle of God's presence and help as we carry out His call on our life applies to each of us. Matthew 28: 20 tells us "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

You can remember that God will always be with you anytime you are doing what "The Word of the Lord" tells you to do.

When Moses was called at the burning bush, he, like Jeremiah, was concerned about being able to speak. "Moses replied to the Lord, 'Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent — either in the past or recently or since You have been speaking to Your servant — because I am slow and hesitant in speech,'" (Exodus 4:10). Do you ever feel slow or hesitant in speech? If so, you will find God's reply to Moses very reassuring as you seek to answer God's call.

"The Lord said... 'Who made the human mouth? ... Is it not I, the Lord? Now go! I will help you speak, and I will teach you what to say,'" (Exodus 4:11). If you believe God gave you the ability to speak, why would you doubt he would keep his promise to teach you what to say?

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EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Guard Your Actions

Romans 14:13-23

By Shirley Heap

Paul's instructions help us to see the great responsibility we have for one another's spiritual growth. Our actions as Christians play a great role in winning the lost as well as helping believers toward maturity. I believe one of the great needs in our churches today is that spiritually mature Christians take responsibility for their actions before new and weaker Christians. Often babes in Christ, either longtime or new, have had their faith in Christ and the church to be weakened by the actions of an older or mature Christian. Christ had words concerning

this, "but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned into the depth of the sea." (Matt. 18:6) Those are strong words from our loving Lord.

Erect New Barriers, Romans 14:13-14

Believers are the family of God; so with that thought all that we do or say should be for the benefit of each member. Even though all may not agree on all points, we do have a common goal and that is to



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mature in the Lord. Barriers that come between believers can become a lifelong hindrance to the family of God. Criticisms and judgmental attitudes outside of love hinder and do not help either person. As Christians grow in the Lord their thoughts should become more like Christ everyday. Those petty actions of fitting all into our personal mold become very insignificant. So in our Christian walk let's not erect barriers that are so easily erected and sometimes impossible to remove. Our time can be used more wisely in building up rather than tearing down or repairing.

Act in Love, Romans 14:15-18

Paul brings it all back to one word, love. Our fellow

Christians are watching and even looking for an example of this in mature Christians' lives. It is important for all Christians to avoid compromising or even questionable situations. Scriptures tell us, "Avoid the appearance of evil." (1 Thess. 5:22) The kingdom of God is so much more important than our rights as Christians. Therefore all our actions should reflect the love of Christ for the spiritual growth of individuals and the church. Love is the key to producing strong mature Christians. "Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, it is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered." (1 Cor. 13:4-5) Our actions sifted through love can never be wrong. The Kingdom of God is "righteous peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." (verse 17).

Seek Positive Results, Romans 14:19-23

Always be prepared to pursue only what will be peaceful and uplifting in our brother's life. Our eating or fasting should be only for our personal benefit in the Lord; not to show an arrogant or holier-than-thou attitude. Stumbling, being made weak, or being offended used in KJV and HCSB all have the same meaning brought in from different Greek manuscripts. As our lives must reflect the Christ who redeemed us, we need to abstain from those things which might hurt or hinder our weaker brother. In order to walk in faith we must seek always for positive results in our walk with the Lord. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." (Hebrews 11:6) May we be found faithful.

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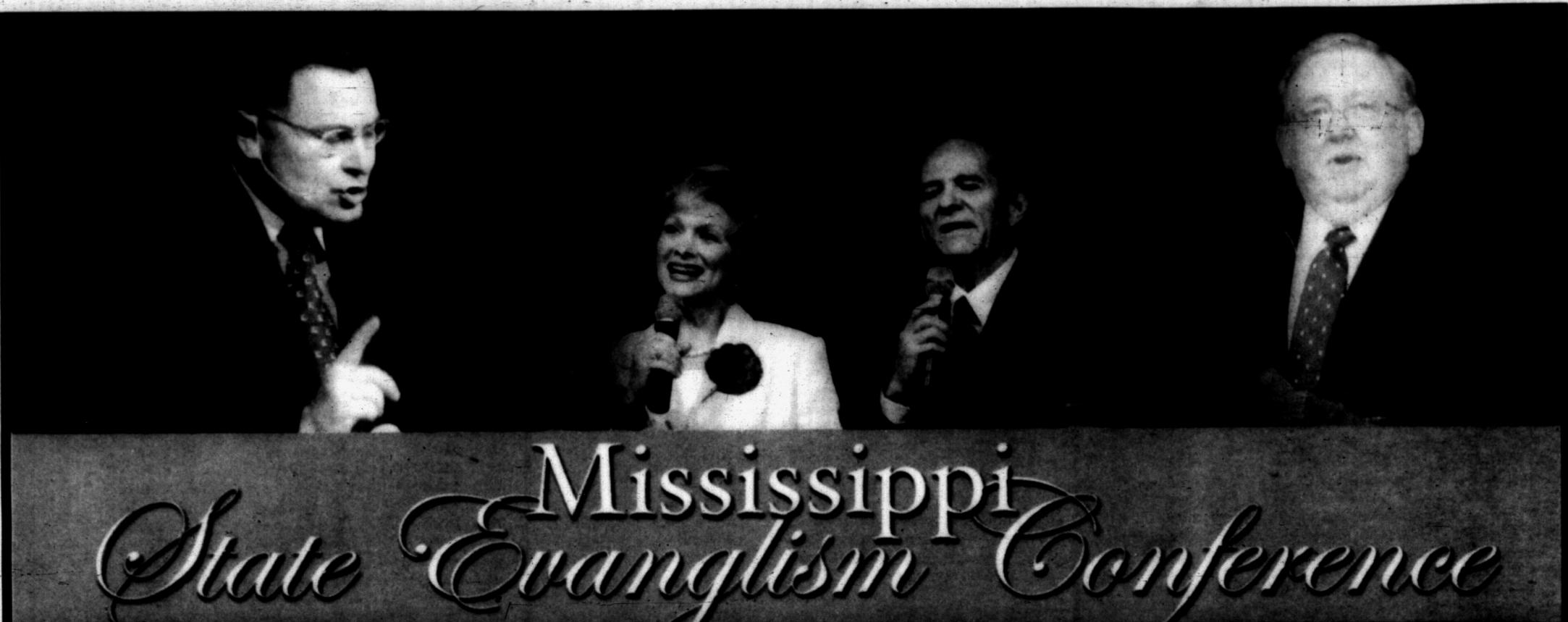
Each January we evaluate the cash gifts received by The Baptist Children's Village during the previous twelve months. In this evaluation it has become customary to list the Mississippi Baptist churches in descending order of the designated cash gifts. This does not include non-cash gift items that many churches contribute. This evaluation and analysis has become known as the "Honor Roll of Churches."

RANK	GIFTS	CHURCH NAME	CITY
1.	\$27,842.98	Immanuel Baptist Church	Vicksburg
2.	\$23,763.75	Morrison Heights Baptist Church	Clinton
3.	\$18,184.00	Temple Baptist Church	Hattiesburg
4.	\$14,126.00	First Baptist Church	Jackson
5.	\$13,229.50	First Baptist Church	Richton
6.	\$12,976.00	First Baptist Church	Ripley
7.	\$12,538.13	First Baptist Church	Corinth
8.	\$11,872.00	Calvary Baptist Church	Waynesboro
9.	\$11,614.00	First Baptist Church	Water Valley
10.	\$11,491.04	First Baptist Church	Madison
11.	\$11,051.42	Williamsville Baptist Church	Kosciusko
12.	\$11,037.93	First Baptist Church	Crystal Springs
13.	\$10,579.75	Fredonia Baptist Church	New Albany
14.	\$10,320.12	North Greenwood Baptist Church	Greenwood
15.	\$10,002.19	Topisaw Baptist Church	Bogue Chitto
16.	\$9,760.78	Brandon Baptist Church	Brandon
17.	\$9,755.20	Bunker Hill Baptist Church	Columbia
18.	\$9,534.90	Sylvarena Baptist Church	Raleigh
19.	\$9,193.13	Briar Hill Baptist Church	Florence
20.	\$9,061.50	First Baptist Church	Union
21.	\$8,868.81	Pine Forest Baptist Church	Collinsville
22.	\$8,640.76	Prentiss Baptist Church	Prentiss
23.	\$8,597.01	First Baptist Church	Newton
24.	\$8,510.21	First Baptist Church	Kosciusko
25.	\$8,505.00	Walthall Baptist Church	Walthall
26.	\$8,457.25	First Baptist Church	McComb
27.	\$8,399.04	Union Baptist Church	Beaumont
28.	\$8,361.05	Rienzi Baptist Church	Rienzi
29.	\$8,348.92	First Baptist Church	Louisville
30.	\$8,184.39	Harmony Baptist Church	Crystal Springs
31.	\$8,025.64	Seminary Baptist Church	Seminary
32.	\$7,922.25	First Baptist Church	Laurel
33.	\$7,787.00	Sand Hill Baptist Church	Richton
34.	\$7,700.00	First Baptist Church	Canton
35.	\$7,657.56	First Baptist Church	Booneville
36.	\$7,586.40	Trinity Baptist Church	Philadelphia
37.	\$7,575.96	Steep Hollow Baptist Church	Poplarville
38.	\$7,476.76	First Baptist Church	Clinton
39.	\$7,433.16	Gaston Baptist Church	Booneville
40.	\$7,425.57	Calvary Baptist Church	Bogue Chitto
41.	\$7,292.03	First Baptist Church	Long Beach
42.	\$7,178.00	Northwest Baptist Association	Hernando
43.	\$7,171.86	Bovina Baptist Church	Vicksburg
44.	\$7,036.44	Fellowship Baptist Church	Meridian

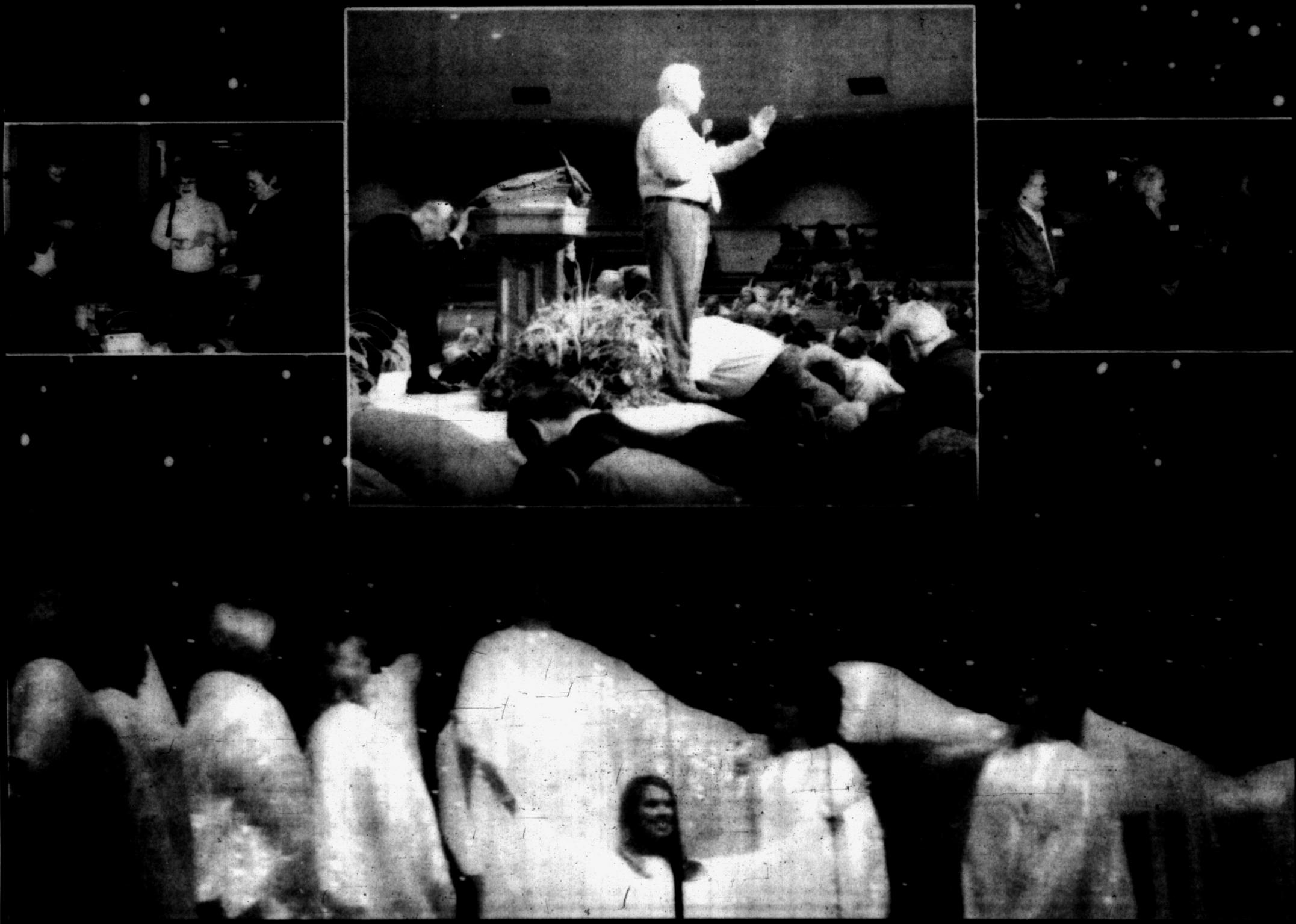
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47.	\$6,780.26	First Baptist Church, Runnelstown	Petal
48.	\$6,680.00	First Baptist Church	Hazlehurst
49.	\$6,600.00	Raymond Baptist Church	Raymond
50.	\$6,597.00	Mount Vernon Baptist Church	Newton
51.	\$6,522.74	Rolling Creek Baptist Church	Quitman
52.	\$6,505.00	Forest Baptist Church	Forest
53.	\$6,486.62	First Baptist Church	Abbeville
54.	\$6,344.03	First Baptist Church	Sardis
55.	\$6,108.63	Memorial Baptist Church	Richton
56.	\$6,062.19	Valley Park Baptist Church	Valley Park
57.	\$6,045.00	First Baptist Church	Picayune
58.	\$5,986.99	First Baptist Church	Yazoo City
59.	\$5,853.88	First Baptist Church	Greenville
60.	\$5,769.02	First Baptist Church	Brandon
61.	\$5,750.00	Parkway Baptist Church	Clinton
62.	\$5,673.00	Mount Zion Baptist Church-Tate	Independence
63.	\$5,645.23	Branch Baptist Church	Morton
64.	\$5,583.12	Oak Grove Baptist Church	Mendenhall
65.	\$5,555.47	Faith Baptist Church	Meridian
66.	\$5,532.38	Hurley Baptist Church	Hurley
67.	\$5,491.64	Highland Baptist Church	Vicksburg
68.	\$5,455.00	First Baptist Church	Coldwater
69.	\$5,311.00	Springfield Baptist Church	Morton
70.	\$5,285.75	Ackerman Baptist Church	Ackerman
71.	\$5,151.50	Hurricane Creek Baptist Church	Sandy Hook
72.	\$5,144.21	Parleyway Baptist Church	Kosciusko
73.	\$5,135.27	Wildwood Baptist Church	Clinton
74.	\$5,118.87	Vaiden Baptist Church	Vaiden
75.	\$5,117.93	Indian Springs Baptist Church	Laurel
76.	\$4,988.00	First Baptist Church	Batesville
77.	\$4,984.77	Meadville Baptist Church	Meadville
78.	\$4,980.00	Bethany Baptist Church	Calhoun City
79.	\$4,953.54	East Philadelphia Baptist Church	Philadelphia
80.	\$4,918.85	Carrollton Baptist Church	Carrollton
81.	\$4,851.46	Stanton Baptist Church	Natchez
82.	\$4,850.00	Old Pearl Valley Baptist Church	Philadelphia
83.	\$4,840.37	Tylertown Baptist Church	Tylertown
84.	\$4,800.00	Northminster Baptist Church	Jackson
85.	\$4,796.30	Trinity First Baptist Church	Waynesboro
86.	\$4,737.76	Mount Zion Baptist Church	Columbus
87.	\$4,713.25	First Baptist Church	Waynesboro
88.	\$4,675.64	Old Silver Creek Baptist Church	Silver Creek
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91.	\$4,627.99	Carriage Hills Baptist Church	Southaven
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96.	\$4,523.95	North Winona Baptist Church	Winona
97.	\$4,517.22	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Carthage
98.	\$4,479.62	Big Creek Baptist Church	Big Creek
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100.	\$4,438.25	Poplar Springs Baptist Church	Newton
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148.	\$3,326.55	Rocky Branch Baptist Church	Etta
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157.	\$3,235.76	Oak Dale Baptist Church	Pontotoc
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159.	\$3,214.84	Holcomb Baptist Church	Holcomb
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162.	\$3,162.25	First Baptist Church	Belzoni
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243. \$2,194.42	New Bethel Baptist Church	Carrollton	341. \$1,517.43	Bethel Baptist Church	Liberty	439. \$1,225.00	Ellison Ridge Baptist Church	Louisville
244. \$2,182.46	Oakhurst Baptist Church	Clarksdale	342. \$1,509.05	First Baptist Church	Okolona	440. \$1,220.00	Friendship Baptist Church	Brookhaven
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247. \$2,150.00	Concord Baptist Church	Macon	345. \$1,502.00	Providence Baptist Church	Cleveland	443. \$1,214.71	First Baptist Church	Houston
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250. \$2,130.00	West Ripley Baptist Church	Ripley	348. \$1,500.00	Second Baptist Church	Greenville	446. \$1,211.00	Oldtown Baptist Church	Pittsboro
251. \$2,113.19	New Hope Baptist Church	Sunrall	349. \$1,500.00	Liberty Baptist Church	Toombsburg	447. \$1,210.01	Calvary Baptist Church	Newton
252. \$2,108.52	Eden Baptist Church	Yazoo City	350. \$1,500.00	First Baptist Church	Collinsville	448. \$1,210.00	Immanuel Baptist Church	Greenwood
253. \$2,103.99	Sallis Baptist Church	Sallis	351. \$1,500.00	Oak Grove Baptist Church	Mount Olive	449. \$1,210.00	Border Springs Baptist Church	Caledonia
254. \$2,100.00	First Baptist Church	Mathiston	352. \$1,500.00	Beacon Street Baptist Church	Philadelphia	450. \$1,200.00	Broadway Baptist Church	Southaven
255. \$2,066.88	Macedonia Baptist Church	Brookhaven	353. \$1,500.00	First Baptist Church	Wiggins	451. \$1,200.00	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Benton
256. \$2,064.29	North Batesville Baptist Church	Batesville	354. \$1,500.00	Elliston Baptist Church	Blue Springs	452. \$1,200.00	Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church	Eupora
257. \$2,063.30	Ludlow Baptist Church	Ludlow	355. \$1,500.00	New Montpelier Baptist Church	Woodland	453. \$1,200.00	Oak Hill Baptist Church	Booneville
258. \$2,055.00	Midway Baptist Church	Meridian	356. \$1,496.00	Hinkle Baptist Church	Rienzi	454. \$1,200.00	Grace Memorial Baptist Church	Tupelo
259. \$2,054.83	Union Baptist Church	Bailey	357. \$1,495.40	Interstate Baptist Church	Shaw	455. \$1,200.00	First Baptist Church	Steens
260. \$2,054.47	Beulah Baptist Church	Myrtle	358. \$1,487.66	Antioch Baptist Church	Hazlehurst	456. \$1,200.00	First Baptist Church	Fulton
261. \$2,040.00	First Baptist Church	Flora	359. \$1,483.34	Union Baptist Church	Roxie	457. \$1,200.00	Colonial Heights Baptist Church	Ridgeland
262. \$2,034.89	Oak Grove Baptist Church	Shubuta	360. \$1,478.34	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Columbus	458. \$1,200.00	Sunrise Baptist Church	Carthage
263. \$2,033.00	Main Street Baptist Church	Hattiesburg	361. \$1,460.00	Dixie Baptist Church	Hattiesburg	459. \$1,200.00	Corinth Baptist Church	Carthage
264. \$2,014.19	Ecu Baptist Church	Ecu	362. \$1,460.00	DeKalb Baptist Church	De Kalb	460. \$1,200.00	Roxie Baptist Church	Roxie
265. \$2,000.00	Lone Oak Baptist Church	Corinth	363. \$1,456.47	First Baptist Church	Verona	461. \$1,200.00	New Hope Baptist Church	Foxworth
266. \$2,000.00	Tuscumbia Baptist Church	Booneville	364. \$1,452.53	Conway Baptist Church	Carthage	462. \$1,200.00	Hepzibah Baptist Church	Vossburg
267. \$1,995.00	Arbor Grove Baptist Church	Houston	365. \$1,451.18	Enterprise Baptist Church	Enterprise	463. \$1,200.00	Carterville Baptist Church	Petal
268. \$1,989.12	First Baptist Church	Brooklyn	366. \$1,450.50	Southside Baptist Church	Lucedale	464. \$1,200.00	Port Gibson Baptist Church	Port Gibson
269. \$1,969.12	Myrick Baptist Church	Laurel	367. \$1,447.00	Pheba Baptist Church	Pheba	465. \$1,200.00	Chaparral Baptist Church	Waynesboro
270. \$1,957.32	Cairo Baptist Church	Ecu	368. \$1,446.00	Calvary West Point Baptist Church	West Point	466. \$1,200.00	Olah First Baptist Church	Sumrall
271. \$1,940.99	Trinity Baptist Church	Fulton	369. \$1,445.32	Good Hope Baptist Church	Louisville	467. \$1,200.00	Fellowship Baptist Church	Ripley
272. \$1,930.10	Zion Hill Baptist Church	Blue Springs	370. \$1,433.39	First Baptist Church	Byhalia	468. \$1,197.00	Calvary Baptist Church	Holly Springs
273. \$1,925.82	Mount Manna Baptist Church	Coldwater	371. \$1,424.07	North Columbia Baptist Church	Columbia	469. \$1,196.00	Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church	Brace
274. \$1,904.46	Scotland Baptist Church	Winona	372. \$1,422.28	Kolola Springs Baptist Church	Caledonia	470. \$1,183.60	Siloam Baptist Church	Meadville
275. \$1,900.00	Shuqualak Baptist Church	Shuqualak	373. \$1,421.13	Pittsboro Baptist Church	Pittsboro	471. \$1,181.90	Olive Baptist Church	Lumberton
276. \$1,898.58	Alta Woods Baptist Church	Jackson	374. \$1,420.60	Raymond Road Baptist Church	Jackson	472. \$1,180.34	Crystal Ridge Baptist Church	Louisville
277. \$1,892.00	Hardsboro Baptist Church	Gulfport	375. \$1,420.00	East Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	Quitman	473. \$1,170.00	Oak Grove Baptist Church	Bentonia
278. \$1,888.70	Bethel Baptist Church	Etta	376. \$1,420.00	Leaf River Baptist Church	Collins	474. \$1,169.66	Bel Aire Baptist Church	Gulfport
279. \$1,881.85	Hopewell Baptist Church	Crystal Springs	377. \$1,416.50	Bradford Chapel Baptist Church	Gore Springs	475. \$1,160.00	New Liberty Baptist Church	Glen
280. \$1,881.72	Siloam Baptist Church	Magee	378. \$1,415.00	Grace Memorial Baptist Church	Gulfport	476. \$1,156.00	West Heights Baptist Church	Pontotoc
281. \$1,871.87	Standing Pine Baptist Church	Walnut Grove	379. \$1,413.48	Gatesville Baptist Church	Crystal Springs	477. \$1,154.00	Barton First Baptist Church	Byhalia
282. \$1,871.02	Crystal Springs Baptist Church	Tylertown	380. \$1,412.32	County Line Baptist Church	Carthage	478. \$1,151.31	Morgan Chapel Baptist Church	Sturgis
283. \$1,870.19	Clear Springs Baptist Church	Louin	381. \$1,410.00	First Baptist Church	Lambert	479. \$1,150.00	Bethany Baptist Church	Potts Camp
284. \$1,860.82	Hathorn Baptist Church	Columbia	382. \$1,410.00	Jerusalem Baptist Church	Kosciusko	480. \$1,150.00	Highland Baptist Church	Senatobia
285. \$1,857.69	Neshoba Baptist Church	Union	383. \$1,400.00	Griffith Memorial Baptist Church	Jackson	481. \$1,141.83	Calvary Baptist Church	Petal
286. \$1,850.00	Golden Central Baptist Church	Golden	384. \$1,396.00	Pinckney Baptist Church	Union	482. \$1,140.00	Salem Baptist Church	Golden
287. \$1,844.92	Crane Creek Baptist Church	Perkinston	385. \$1,394.00	Bethel Baptist Church	Poplarville	483. \$1,138.25	Calvary Baptist Church	Summit
288. \$1,840.00	First Baptist Church	Buckatunna	386. \$1,390.00	Galilee Baptist Church	Gloster	484. \$1,137.00	Oldham Baptist Church	Burnsville
289. \$1,835.00	First Baptist Church	Bruce	387. \$1,389.38	Ramah Baptist Church	Mc Call Creek	485. \$1,134.64	First Baptist Church	Collins
290. \$1,832.27	Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church	Houkka	388. \$1,387.15	Park Place Baptist Church	Brandon	486. \$1,128.00	Mount Olive Baptist Church	Smithdale
291. \$1,830.00	Liberty Baptist Church	De Kalb	389. \$1,380.00	Good Hope Baptist Church	Richton	487. \$1,123.00	Sylvia Rena Baptist Church	Water Valley
292. \$1,822.56	Gun Grove Baptist Church	Brookhaven	390. \$1,380.00	Bogue Chitto Baptist Church	Bogue Chitto	488. \$1,121.00	Banner Baptist Church	Bruce
293. \$1,812.84	Union Baptist Church	Sardis	391. \$1,380.00	New Prospect Baptist Church	Iuka	489. \$1,116.50	Fairhaven Baptist Church	Olive Branch
294. \$1,810.21	New Haven Baptist Church	Weir	392. \$1,380.00	Braxton Baptist Church	Braxton	490. \$1,111.23	First Baptist Church	Houka
295. \$1,800.00	Easthaven Baptist Church	Brookhaven	393. \$1,376.12	Clear Springs Baptist Church	Coffeeville	491. \$1,108.26	Flat Top Unity Baptist Church	Picayune
296. \$1,800.00	Glenfield Baptist Church	New Albany	394. \$1,375.00	Salem Baptist Church	Raymond	492. \$1,107.17	Shady Grove Baptist Church	Hazlehurst
297. \$1,800.00	Friendship Baptist Church	Sturgis	395. \$1,369.00	Ethel Baptist Church	Ethel	493. \$1,102.33	Hickory Baptist Church	Hickory
298. \$1,785.00	First Baptist Church	Purvis	396. \$1,369.00	First Baptist Church	Magnolia	494. \$1,100.00	Mount Zion Baptist Church	Florence
299. \$1,782.26	First Baptist Church	Coffeeville	397. \$1,365.00	\$First Baptist Church, Delisle	Pass Christian	495. \$1,100.00	Salem Baptist Church	Potts Camp
300. \$1,778.80	Georgetown Baptist Church	Georgetown	398. \$1,355.00	Liberty Baptist Church	Forest	496. \$1,088.36	Clifton Baptist Church	Forest
301. \$1,772.06	First Baptist Church	Gulfport	399. \$1,355.00	Immanuel Baptist Church	Hattiesburg	497. \$1,085.20	First Baptist Church	Vardaman
302. \$1,764.57	First Baptist Church	New Augusta	400. \$1,350.35	Skene Baptist Church	Skene	498. \$1,083.03	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Bassfield
303. \$1,761.49	County Line Baptist Church	Union	401. \$1,350.00	Elon Baptist Church	Macon	499. \$1,082.00	New Prospect Baptist Church	Brookhaven
304. \$1,752.59	Berea Baptist Church	Mc Copi	402. \$1,350.00	Shady Grove Baptist Church	Batesville	500. \$1,075.00	First Baptist Church	Aberdeen
305. \$1,750.00	Rome Baptist Church	Rome	403. \$1,350.00	Hillcrest Baptist Church	New Albany	501. \$1,072.59	Oak Grove Baptist Church	Meridian
306. \$1,747.59	Union Baptist Church	Mize	404. \$1,344.33	Enterprise Baptist Church	Liberty	502. \$1,061.57	Airport Baptist Church	Grenada
307. \$1,744.15	First Baptist Church	Grenada	405. \$1,339.71	Oakland Baptist Church	Corinth	503. \$1,051.56	Poplar Springs Baptist Church	Mendenhall
308. \$1,732.13	Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church	Dumas	406. \$1,331.52	Brooksville Baptist Church	Brooksville	504. \$1,050.68	West Shady Grove Baptist Church	Waynesboro
309. \$1,730.00	New County Line Church	Carthage	407. \$1,331.11	First Baptist Church	State Line	505. \$1,048.27	Grace Pointe Baptist Church	Columbia
310. \$1,718.00	New Salem Baptist Church	Iuka	408. \$1,331.00	Union West Baptist Church	Oxford	506. \$1,048.07	White Oak Baptist Church	Philadelphia
311. \$1,710.50	Mount Pisgah Baptist Church	Carrollton	409. \$1,3					



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